

PSITTACUS TERRESTRIS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum aduncum : mandibula superiore mobili;
cera instructa.

Nares in rostri basi.

Lingua carnosæ, obtusa, integra.

Pedes scanforii.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 139.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

PSITTACUS MACROURUS VIRIDIS, nigro
flavoque maculatus, capistro rubro, cauda
flava fasciis numerosis nigris.

Ungues postici rectiusculi, elongati.

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Museum Leverianum, No. 5. t. 5.

PSITTACUS FORMOSUS.

Lath. ind. orn. p. 103.

Avem qua vix pulchriorem jactat genus psittaci-
num in tabula depinximus. Turturem æquat ipsa

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avis. Terrestris dicitur quia rarius arboribus infidet, sed more ralli super terras in locis præcipue juncosis et cariceis curfitat. Australasiam incolit hæc species.



THE GROUND PARROT.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill hooked: upper mandible moveable.

Nostrils round, placed in the base of the bill.

Tongue fleshy, broad, blunt at the end.

Feet scanforial.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

LONG-TAILED GREEN PARROT, spotted
with black and yellow; the frontled red;
the tail yellow with numerous black bars.

The hind claws are long and straitish.

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Museum Leverianum, No. 5. pl. 5.

Zool. of New Holland, p. 9. pl. 3.

The bird represented on the present plate is one of the most beautiful of its tribe: its size is equal to that of a turtle: it is called the ground parrot, from its rarely perching on trees, but being generally seen on the ground, especially in sedgy and rushy places, running along in the manner of a rail. It is a native of Australasia.